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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" The Revenue authorities require certificates from the Civil Courts to grant copies of Revenue records. Such a practice does not prevail in Mathurai. May I know, Sir, why it prevails in Bellary alone? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, I take the information, so far as the other districts are concerned. As I have already said, I have called for information and I will examine it. If the practice is wrong it would be set right."

Constitution of a new and separate judicial service.

* 21 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government of India have intimated their decision that in future the recruitment of higher judiciary such as District and Sessions Judges will not form part of the Indian Administrative Service;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether this Government have decided to constitute a new and separate Judicial Service;

(*c*) what the composition of such new Judicial Service will be;

(*d*) whether rules governing recruitment, scales of salaries, etc., have been framed; and

(*e*) whether the Government will place the rules on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. the Premier) :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) The new Judicial Service will include the posts of District and Sessions Judges II Grade and some posts outside the time scale, if it is decided to include any.

" (*d*) No. The main principles governing recruitment, scales of pay, etc., are under consideration.

" (*e*) Does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, why the service includes only Grade II District Judges? What about Grade I District Judges? What is the difference between Grade I and II? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" First Grade District Judges are selection posts. Only two such posts exist."

Increasing the bed-strength in all the Government hospitals in the Madras City.

* 22 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the sanctioned strength of staffed beds in the various Government hospitals in the Madras City is;

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(*b*) what the average number of in-patients in these hospitals during 1948–49 was;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that in the General Hospital, Madras, orders have been issued by the Superintendent, reducing the number of in-patients in all sections of the hospital;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that as a result of the Superintendent's action, a large number of in-patients have been discharged;

(*e*) whether the Superintendent of the General Hospital took action under instructions from the Government or of his own accord; and

(*f*) whether there are proposals before the Government to increase the bed-strength in all City hospitals?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] giving the particulars is laid on the table of the House.

" (*c*) No. There has been an abnormal increase in the daily average number of patients over and above the sanctioned bed-strength. In order to relieve the congestion in the hospital the Superintendent has issued orders reducing the number of in-patients in a few sections.

" (*d*) There has been no large scale discharges from the hospital. Some cases had to be discharged and admission restricted to keep up the daily average number at about 1,000.

" (*e*) The Superintendent acted of his own accord as it is a matter of day-to-day administration of the hospital.

" (*f*) No. The question of increasing the bed-strength of the General Hospital alone is under consideration, but the problem of accommodation in present financial conditions is difficult."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the increasing popularity of Royapetta Hospital, Sir, are there any proposals before the Government to increase the strength of beds in that hospital? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" What I have said in answer to (*f*) holds good for this question as well. The question of increasing the bed-strength of the General Hospital is under consideration. The problem of providing additional accommodation under the present financial conditions is very difficult. The same holds good for the Royapetta Hospital also."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Just as there are hanging passengers in the buses, is there provision for patients on the floor between the cots in the hospitals? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know whether the analogy is correct—hanging passengers in buses? " (Laughter.)

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MR. PRESIDENT :—" Are they called hanging passengers? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That is what the hon. Member says."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I think they are called standing passengers."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" With regard to these patients, of being put in between the beds, it is a matter of accommodation. Certainly it will be looked into and whatever is possible is being done."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Is the Hon. Minister for Transport hanging any men in his buses? " (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I wish I can." (Laughter.)

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are any beds provided in the verandahs of the hospitals as in the case of the Bellary hospital, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, it is done not in one hospital but in all hospitals."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Will the Hon. Minister consider whether at least the necessary staff will be increased suitably to meet the higher demand? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The staff is created more or less on the bed-strength of the hospital and on account of difficulty of accommodation it becomes too difficult to accommodate all the patients. Patients are being taken in as far as possible and necessary arrangements are being done to attend them."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that complaints have been received regarding inadequacy of staff to attend to patients who are provided with beds on the floor? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No. The Government are not aware of them."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" I see the strength in the Madras Tuberculosis Hospital is only 62 whereas in Bellary Sanatorium it is 210. Especially when the infection of T.B. is 70 per cent in Saidapet why is it, Sir, that the bed-strength is so low as 62 in the Tuberculosis Hospital, Madras? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Tuberculosis Hospital, is only one institution in Madras. With regard to admitting of T.B. patients, Tambaram Sanatorium is nearby and there is out-patients' attendance at the Tuberculosis Institute at Egmore. In view of all the facilities, the number is certainly less and it does not stand comparison with that of Bellary."

DR. A. LAKSHMANASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Every hospital is over-crowded and nothing can be done to increase the

accommodation at present. May I know, Sir, whether Government considered the possibility of opening a chronic and convalescent hospital near Madras as I understand that number of sheds have been vacated by the Military at Avadi? It may be possible for the Government to take it up. This would relieve, Sir, the extreme congestion within the City hospitals."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There have been proposals for opening a big hospital for chronic cases and the Government have been approached by more than one agency. With regard to the areas where lot of empty sheds have been vacated by the Military, the Red Cross Society is already moving in the matter. There is also the alternative proposal suggested by the hon. Member which is also before the Government. As soon as we come to a decision, I shall make a statement."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the staff, nursing, medical, etc., is adequate even to cater to the present strength given in the statements?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I do not know to which particular hospital the hon. Member refers to. I have given the statement for the General Hospital. As far as this hospital is concerned, we have provided adequate staff."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Are the Government aware that in the General Hospital, and other hospitals there are as many patients lying on the floor as on the beds and there is no sufficient accommodation for patients?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, the Government are painfully aware of all these facts."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" What steps have the Government taken up to this time to provide better accommodation in the hospitals. What steps are they taking now?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Provision of accommodation cannot be arranged immediately. Therefore we are trying to accommodate patients as far as possible in the veranda and in the spaces available in between the beds. The question of accommodation and of building bigger hospital to meet the demand of the public is another matter which is concerning finance. Therefore as far as possible, everything is being done."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know, Sir, when the newly constructed wards of the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Tambaram will actually be opened in view of the fact that the present accommodation is not adequate?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The matter is under consideration. The buildings are being erected. As soon as the building accommodation is completed the place will be made available."

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DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Will the Hon. Minister state, how long it will take for the national Government to find sufficient accommodation for patients in the hospitals? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The national Government must have all the finances necessary to render effective service."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Is sickness on the increase after this Government came into power? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" That report has not reached the Government at all, Sir." (Laughter.)

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In view of the exclusive facilities for diagnosis and treatment of many diseases which exist in the General Hospital, will the Government think of immediately extending the provision for the number of beds there? " 11-15 a.m.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I am afraid it cannot be done because the General Hospital as it is, certainly over-crowded. The Government are making all possible arrangements to accommodate as many as possible and it is impossible to accommodate any more."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—" May I know what happens to the patients who are refused admission in the hospitals for want accommodation? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Proposals have been made for starting a new bigger hospital near about Madras and the Government are considering the question."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I ask you, Sir, to allow us to have a half-hour debate on this very important question. I should like to show how inadequate and how poor is the consideration given by the Government to those who are sick."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Does the Hon. Member think that the Government are not aware of it?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Government are, as I said, painfully aware of these facts. But further extensions depend on the question of finance. With the funds available at the disposal of the Government, as much help is being rendered as could be rendered and will always be rendered. Whether they have a debate on this question or not, the Government are doing all that is possible."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" But the opinion of the public is that the Government are doing nothing? "

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I request the Government to issue instructions to the Superintendent of the General Hospital not to send away patients unless it becomes really over-crowded and impossible to carry on work? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is not fair to ask the Superintendent to do more than what he is doing now. We

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are aware of the fact that the hospital is over-crowded and as much accommodation as could be made available is being made available. There is no use of asking the Superintendent to do the impossible."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—"Are the Government aware, Sir, that there is greater complaint with regard to the Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Tambaram that patients are not admitted there?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"The accommodation at Tambaram is always restricted to the cases that are being sent from a number of places and they are arranged according to priority. Beds are being made available according to priority. It is not like a General Hospital where anybody and everybody can go and be admitted straightaway."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—"Are the Government aware of the complaint that the hospital at Tambaram is only for the rich men and not for the poor?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"The Government have received no such complaint so far."

JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI :—"Are the Government aware that many patients die for want of accommodation in the Tambaram hospital?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"Nobody can die for want of accommodation. Death is caused by diseases and not by want of accommodation."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—"Are the Government aware that patients stop at the Tambaram hospital for months and years together without vacating the beds even when they can vacate them and they bring recommendations from members of the Assembly and the Ministers?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"I certainly repudiate the suggestion as far as Ministers and Members are concerned. According to the facts before me, I know that no such consideration is shown for recommendations. Things are judged according to their merits."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—"By way of explanation, may I say that patients are staying there and are not going to their homes even when they can go, and therefore accommodation becomes very difficult."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—"Tuberculosis is a chronic disease and methods employed for its treatment necessarily take a long time. There is no question of patients refusing to leave the hospital as if they will be kept there if they refuse. It is not so. It is left to the Superintendent of the hospital to decide how long a patient has to be kept there. He knows the nature of the case and he has got to give the time necessary for each case. It is not a matter of favouritism. The requirements of the disease are the consideration."